

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HIROCHIKA MATSUOKA ) : Examiner: J. A. Thompson  
Application No.: 09/902,760 ) : Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: July 12, 2001 ) : Conf. No.: 9589  
For: IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, )  
IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS,;  
AND STORAGE MEDIUM ) : July 24, 2008

**Mail Stop Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant petitions to extend the time for response to the Office Action of March 24, 2008, to and including July 24, 2008. The amount of \$120.00 for the extension fee is being paid concurrently; please charge any deficiency in this payment, and credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

In response to that Office Action, the Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows. The changes to the claims are reflected in the listing that begins at page 2, and the Remarks begin at page 9.